

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (new) A method for operating a video processing apparatus, comprising steps of:

receiving an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

scheduling an event related to a program identified by said program identification information if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information;

searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information; and

scheduling said event if said program is found during said searching step.

11. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein:

said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and

said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

12. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

13. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein:

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

14. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said program is not found during said searching step, said second electronic mail message indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

15. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and further comprising a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.

16. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising of a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said event is scheduled.

17. (new) An apparatus, comprising:

first means for receiving an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

second means for processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information, and for scheduling an event related to a program identified by said program identification information if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

said second means processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information; and

said second means searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information, and scheduling said event if said program is found during said searching.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein:

said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and

said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said second means further processes said electronic mail message to determine whether said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein:

said apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and

said apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

21. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said program is not found during

said searching, said second electronic mail message indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said event is scheduled.

24. (new) A video processing apparatus, comprising:

an interface operative to receive an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

a processor operative to process said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information, and to schedule an event related to a program identified by said program identification information if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

said processor processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information; and

said processor searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information, and scheduling said event if said program is found during said searching.

25. (new) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein:

said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and

said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

26. (new) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein said processor further processes said electronic mail message to determine whether said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

27. (new) The video processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein:

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

28. (new) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said video processing apparatus to said user if said program is not found during said searching, said second electronic mail message

indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

29. (new) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and a second electronic mail message is sent from said video processing apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.